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**Statistical Review**



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## STATISTICAL REVIEW



## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

as on

31st December

1972

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*Chief Public Health Inspector:* D. W. Townsend, MAPHI, MRSH 1 2 3 4 8

*Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:* M. R. Ruocco, MAPHI, MRSH 1 2 3

*Senior Public Health Inspector:* B. Curtis, MAPHI, MRSH 5 7 From 1.10.72.

*Public Health Inspectors:* G. W. Bailey, MAPHI 5 From 31.1.72.  
P. J. Baxter, MAPHI, MRSH 5 From 24.1.72.  
B. Curtis, MAPHI, MRSH 5 7 To 30.9.72.

*Trainee PHI:* K. M. Philbrick From 1.9.72.

*Technical Assistant:* R. Gething

*General Assistants:* R. Collins  
S. Wright

*Chief Clerk:* Miss A. E. A. Rothwell

*Personal Administrative Assistant to Medical Officer of Health:* Mrs. B. Cruickshank, MAMS

*Clerk/Typists:* Mrs. C. Christy To 13.2.72.  
Miss U. Springham  
Miss G. Seers From 14.2.72.  
Mrs. J. Drage To 24.9.72.  
Mrs. L. Brown  
Mrs. A. Waters From 13.11.72.

*Supervisor, Meals on Wheels Service:* R. White (part-time)



- \* Also Medical Officer of Health for Epping UDC and Epping and Ongar RDC and Area Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer, Essex County Council.
- † Also part-time Deputy Medical Officer of Health for Epping UDC and Epping and Ongar RDC
- 1 Certificate of the Royal Society of Health and Public Health Inspectors Examination Joint Board.
- 2 Royal Society of Health (Meat and Other Foods) Certificate.
- 3 Diploma of the Royal Society of Health for Smoke Inspectors.
- 4 Certificate in Sanitary Science, Royal Society of Health.
- 5 Public Health Inspectors Diploma of the Public Health Inspectors Education Board.
- 6 Royal Society of Health, Diploma in Health Engineering.
- 7 Royal Society of Health, Diploma in Air Pollution Control.
- 8 Diploma in Bacteriology (Battersea College).

*To the Chairman and Members of the Harlow Urban District Council*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Statistical Review for the year 1972.

Until now it has been the statutory duty of a medical officer of health to publish annually a report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the district for which he is responsible. In Harlow I produced full reports every five years with merely statistical reviews in the intervening years.

On 31st March 1974 the office of the Medical Officer of Health will cease to exist and with it will also disappear the annual report in its present form. Although in the National Health Service Reorganization Act, 1973, provision is made for the Community Health Councils to publish reports "on matters relating to the operation of the health service within the district", they are unlikely to replace the reports of the medical officer of health which, despite all their faults, were valuable annual audits of the health of the community. Moreover, since Harlow will become part of a large National Health Service district, which itself will be administered by an Area Health Authority, separate statistics for this town, especially like those shown in part III of this report, will probably no longer be available.

Nevertheless, I do believe that the reorganization of the National Health Service, which unifies the three branches of medicine, is in the best interests of everybody concerned, although it may take some time before the benefits become apparent.

However, the complete administrative separation of the social services, which already causes difficulties, may in the long run prove to be a major disaster. It is not inconceivable that the next reorganization of local government and of the National Health Service, whenever that may be, will bring the health and social services together and enlarge the National Health Service management teams at various levels by the addition of a social work officer.

The vital and other statistics in this publication cover only one year and deal with relatively small numbers; they are, therefore, subject to chance fluctuations. Figures which are either better or worse when compared with those of previous years or with the national figures, must be viewed in this light.

These statistics are a numerical expression of much work which has gone into keeping the community in good health, and I want to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped achieve this and particularly my staff and colleagues in local government and outside who have also contributed information for this review.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

I. ASH, MD, MFCM, DPH.

*Medical Officer of Health*



**Visitors to Harlow:**

The following were visitors to the Department during 1972:

Dr. M. K. Ambursa, A.B.U. Hospital, Nigeria.

Dr. C. Bartlett and Miss Williamson, Social Workers, San Ramon, California, U.S.A.

Dr. Broyelle, Ministry of Health, France.

Dr. Bustamante, Medical Administrator, Philippines.

Sister M. Julie, Hospital Service, Edinburgh.

Dr. T. Kawaguchi, Ministry of Health, Japan.

Miss LaVerne Fakkema, School of Nursing, Yale University, U.S.A.

Dr. Aloysius Mboi, Ministry of Health, Indonesia.

Miss E. Mitchell, Nursing Officer, World Health Organization, (W.P.R.O.), Manila.

GENERAL DATA

Area (in acres)	6,313
Number of houses (mid-year)	24,150
Number of houses per acre (average mid-year)	3.8
Number of persons per acre (average mid-year)	12.5
Number of persons per house (average mid-year)	3.2
Rateable value (mid-year)	£4,945,483
Product of a penny rate (financial year 72/73—estimate)	£47,900
The rate in the £ (financial year 1972/73)	94.5p

POPULATION

Resident population (Registrar General's mid-year estimate)	79,020
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BIRTHS

Live Births	Males	Females
Legitimate	579	540
Illegitimate	52	33
Total	631	573
Crude rate per 1000 population	15.2	
*Adjusted rate per 1000 population	13.4	
Rate per 1000 population for England and Wales	14.8	
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate	0.90	

\*Area comparability factor 0.88

Illegitimate Live Births

Number registered	85
Rate per 100 live births	7.1
Rate per 100 live births in England and Wales	8.6

Still Births	Males	Females
Legitimate . . . . .	5	5
Illegitimate . . . . .	-	1
Total . . . . .	5	6
Rate per 1000 live and still births . . . . .	9.1	
Rate per 1000 live and still births in England and Wales . . . . .	12.0	

**Total Births (Live and still)**

Legitimate . . . . .	584	545
Illegitimate . . . . .	52	34
Total . . . . .	636	579

The place of birth was as follows:

Hospital	1,137	(94.4%)
Home	67	(5.6%)

**Still Births by Cause and Place of Delivery**

	Hospital	Home	Total
Congenital anomalies . . . . .	1	—	1
Toxaemias of pregnancy . . . . .	—	—	—
Conditions of placenta . . . . .	3	—	3
Anoxic and hypoxic conditions . . . . .	6	1	7
Unknown cause . . . . .	—	—	—

**Still Births according to Place of Booking and Delivery**

Place of Booking	Place of Delivery	Parity					
		0	1	2	3	4	5+
Hospital	Hospital	4	2	—	1	1	1
Home	Home	—	—	1	—	—	—
Home	Hospital (transfer before labour)	—	—	1	—	—	—
Home	Hospital (transfer in labour)	—	—	—	—	—	—

Premature Infants (5½lbs in weight or under) — Place of Birth and Mortality

Place of Birth	Still Births	Live Births	Death within		
			24hrs	7days	28days
Hospital	5	81	9	2	—
Home	1	—	—	—	—

Congenital anomalies reported during the year

No. of infants	No. of anomalies in each
18	1
2	2

Nature or site of anomalies	No. of anomalies
Aniridia	1
Accessory auricle	3
Other unspecified anomalies of the ear	1
Cleft lip, palate	3
Hypospadias	4
Hydrocele	1
Anomaly of vagina	1
Polydactyly	2
Congenital dislocation, hip	2
Anomaly of spine	1
Naevus	1
Other anomalies of muscles, skin, fascia	2



DEATHS

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
<b>All Ages</b> . . . . .	232	184
Crude rate per 1000 population . . . . .	5.3	
*Adjusted rate per 1000 population . . . . .	11.2	
Rate for England and Wales per 1000 population . . . . .	12.1	
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate . . . . .	0.93	

\*Comparability factor 2.12

Infants under 1 year of age

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
Legitimate . . . . .	15	8
Illegitimate . . . . .	1	—
Total . . . . .	16	8
Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1000 legitimate live births . . . . .	20.6	
Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1000 legitimate live births for England and Wales . . . . .	16.9	
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate live births . . . . .	11.8	
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate live births for England and Wales . . . . .	21.1	
Total infant mortality rate per 1000 live births . . . . .	19.9	
Total infant mortality rate per 1000 live births for England and Wales . . . . .	17.2	

Neonatal Deaths (Infants under 4 weeks of age)

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
Legitimate . . . . .	11	4
Illegitimate . . . . .	1	—
Total . . . . .	12	4
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 live births . . . . .	13.3	
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 live births for England and Wales . . . . .	11.5	

Early Neonatal Deaths (infants under 1 week of age)

	Males	Female <sup>c</sup>
Legitimate . . . . .	10	4
Illegitimate . . . . .	1	—
Total . . . . .	11	4
Early neonatal mortality rate per 1000 live births . .		12.5
Early neonatal mortality rate per 1000 live births for England and Wales . . . . .		9.8

Perinatal Mortality (still births and deaths under  
1 week combined)

Rate per 1000 live and still births . . . . .	21.4
Rate per 1000 live and still births for England and Wales . . . . .	21.7

Maternal Mortality

Maternal deaths (including abortion) . . . . .	—
Maternal mortality rate per 1000 live and still births . . . . .	—
Maternal mortality rate per 1000 live and still births for England and Wales . . . . .	0.1

## CAUSES OF DEATH

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Meningococcal infection	—	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	2	—	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	4	11
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	9	6	15
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	35	5	40
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	10	10
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	2	—	2
Leukaemia	1	4	5
Other malignant neoplasms	13	19	32
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	—	1	1
Diabetes mellitus	1	3	4
Avitaminoses etc.	1	—	1
Other endocrine diseases	1	—	1
Multiple sclerosis	—	1	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	3	4	7
Hypertensive disease	1	3	4
Ischaemic heart disease	59	41	100
Other forms of heart disease	7	5	12
Cerebrovascular disease	20	25	45
Other diseases of circulatory system	7	2	9
Influenza	—	3	3
Pneumonia	11	15	26
Bronchitis and emphysema	11	5	16
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	3	6
Peptic ulcer	3	1	4
Appendicitis	1	—	1
Cirrhosis of liver	1	—	1
Other diseases of digestive tract	3	—	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	2	4
Other diseases, genito-urinary tract	1	1	2
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	—	1	1
Congenital anomalies	3	3	6
Birth injury, difficult labour	8	1	9
Other causes of perinatal mortality	3	3	6
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents	8	1	9
All other accidents	2	1	3
Suicide and self inflicted injuries	—	2	2
Total all causes	232	184	416

AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under four weeks . . . . .	12	4	16
4 weeks and under 1 year . . . . .	4	4	8
1— 4 years . . . . .	2	1	3
5—14 years . . . . .	3	—	3
15—24 years . . . . .	6	2	8
25—35 years . . . . .	2	2	4
36—44 years . . . . .	11	11	22
45—54 years . . . . .	35	17	52
55—64 years . . . . .	44	31	75
65—74 years . . . . .	67	32	99
75 years and over . . . . .	46	80	126
Total . . . . .	232	184	416

Accidental deaths:

Motor vehicle accidents		9
Other accidents:		
Fall	1	
Carbon monoxide poisoning	1	
Unspecified	1	3
Total		12

Place of death	Hospital	246
	Home	155
	Other	15



CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER THE AGE OF ONE YEAR

	Under 1 day	1 – 7 days	Total under 1 week	1 – 2 weeks	2 – 3 weeks	3 – 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 – 3 months	3 – 6 months	6 – 9 months	9 – 12 months	Total under 1 year
Congenital anomalies . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	3
Immaturity . . . . .	6	2	8	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	8
Birth injury/difficult labour . . . . .	2	2	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4
Bronchitis/pneumonia . . . . .	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	3	1	—	5
Anoxic and hypoxic conditions . . . . .	3	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Haemolytic disease . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other causes . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total . . . . .	11	4	15	1	—	—	16	2	4	1	—	23

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (other than tuberculosis) Notifications according to age

Age:	Incidence rate per 10,000 population											England & Wales		
	0—	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	25—	45—	65+		Total	Harlow
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	—	2	2	4	3	14	2	1	1	—	—	29	3.7	2.2
Whooping Cough ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.4
Measles . . . . .	4	19	12	25	15	68	3	2	—	—	—	148	18.7	29.7
Food Poisoning . . . .	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	0.2	1.1
Infective jaundice ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	—	6	0.8	2.4

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES – TUBERCULOSIS

	<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Other</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
Number of cases on register on 1.1.72. . . . .	294	292	35	31	652
Number of cases added to the register during 1972					
New cases . . . . .	14	11	2	1	28
Inward transfers . . . . .	3	3	1	1	8
Number of cases removed from the register during 1972					
Deaths . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—
Outward transfers . . . . .	2	3	—	—	5
Patients cured . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—
Number of cases remaining on register on 31.12.72. . . . .	309	303	38	33	683

<b>Incidence of new cases</b>		<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Other</i>		<i>Total</i>
		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
(a)	According to age					
	Under 5 years . . . . .	3	2	—	—	5
	5—14 years . . . . .	2	3	—	—	5
	15—24 years . . . . .	3	1	—	—	4
	25—44 years . . . . .	2	4	2	—	8
	45-64 years . . . . .	3	1	—	1	5
	65 and over . . . . .	1	—	—	—	1

(b)	<i>Incidence rate per 10,000 population</i>	<i>Respiratory</i>	<i>Other</i>
	Harlow . . . . .	3.2	0.4
	England and Wales . . . .	1.8	0.5

<b>Mortality rate per 10,000 population</b>		<i>Respiratory</i>	<i>Other</i>
	Harlow . . . . .	—	—
	England and Wales . . . .	0.2	0.1

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND INSPECTIONS

Water

Water supplied unmeasured (domestic)	4,495	megalitres
Water supplied by meter (trade)	2,774	"
Total consumption for year	7,629	"
Average supplied per day — domestic	12.31	"
trade	7.60	"
all purposes	19.91	"
Average consumption per head — domestic	155	litres
per day trade	96	"
all purposes	251	"

(The above figures were supplied by the Lee Valley Water Company)

The following samples of water were taken for examination:

	Samples		Result
	Bacteriological	Chemical	Unsatisfactory
Public Supply			
by Public Health Department	9	3	—
by Lee Valley Water Company	356	16	—
Private wells	21	6	13
Swimming and paddling pools			
11 swimming pools	57	5	—
5 paddling pools	5	2	—

Flouride content: Less than 0.2 milligrammes per litre.

Sewage disposal other than through sewers

Cesspools, septic and chemical tanks	32
Chemical closets (emptied weekly by Harlow UDC)	4
Pail closets (emptied by occupier)	-
Pail closets (emptied by Harlow UDC)	2

Housing

(i) GENERAL	
Complaints of housing defects	115
Housing inspections carried out — by medical officers	114
by public health inspectors	607
Intimation notices served	36
Statutory notices served	-
Houses where defects were remedied	15



(ii) IMPROVEMENTS

	<i>Standard Grant</i>	<i>Discretionary Grant</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a) <b>Individual houses</b>			
Applications received . . . . .	—	8	8
Applications approved . . . . .	—	4	4
Applications refused . . . . .	—	1	1
* Applications not proceeded with . . . . .	—	1	1
Applications awaiting consideration at 31.12.72 . . . . .	—	2	2
Dwellings where work completed . . . . .	1	5	6

\*Work done by owner without grant, application not formally withdrawn.

(b) <b>Qualification certificates, 1971 (Housing Act 1969)</b>	
Applications for certificates . . . . .	-
Certificates for provisional approval . . . . .	-
Certificates issued under Sec. 46(3) . . . . .	2
Certificates cancelled, lapsed or revoked . . . . .	3
Certificates refused . . . . .	-

**Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act, 1963**

<b>REGISTERED PREMISES</b>	<i>Premises registered during year</i>	<i>Total number of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>Registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</i>
Offices . . . . .	21	154	65
Retail shops . . . . .	13	312	134
Wholesale shops, warehouses . . . . .	4	30	19
Catering establishments open to public, canteens . . . . .	3	42	33
Fuel storage depots . . . . .	—	1	1
Total . . . . .	41	539	252

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

<i>Class of Workplace</i>	<i>Number of persons employed</i>
Offices . . . . .	3,272
Retail shops . . . . .	2,533
Wholesale shops, warehouses . . . . .	574
Canteens and catering establishments open to the public . . . . .	457
Fuel storage depots . . . . .	2
Total . . . . .	6,838
Total males . . . . .	3,138
Total females . . . . .	3,700
Number of visits by inspectors to registered premises . . . . .	653

CONTRAVENTIONS

<i>Sections of Act</i>	
4	Lack of cleanliness . . . . . 190
5	Overcrowding . . . . . 4
6	Inadequate temperature . . . . . 14
7	Inadequate ventilation . . . . . 73
8	Insufficient lighting . . . . . 52
9	Defects in, or lack of, sanitary conveniences . . . . . 155
10	Defects in, or lack of, washing facilities . . . . . 118
11	Lack of supply of drinking water . . . . . 6
12	Lack of accommodation for clothing . . . . . 13
13	Lack of sitting facilities . . . . . 1
15	Lack of eating facilities . . . . . 1
16	Defects in floors and passages . . . . . 68
17	Inadequate fencing of exposed parts of machinery . . . . . 5
24	Lack of first-aid equipment . . . . . 47
27	Dangerous equipment . . . . . 5
49	Failure to register premises . . . . . 28
50	Lack of information for employees . . . . . 38
Total . . . . .	818
Number of notices sent to occupiers of premises . . . . .	141
Number of accidents notified to local authority under Section 48 . . . . .	39
Number of statutory notices served . . . . .	1
Number of statutory notices complied with . . . . .	1

Factories Act, 1961

Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by local authorities . . . . .	6
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by local authority . . . . .	144
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers' premises) . . . . .	23
Inspections . . . . .	73
Written notices . . . . .	6
Referred to HM Inspector of Factories . . . . .	-
Referred from HM Inspector of Factories . . . . .	-

DEFECTS FOUND:

Insufficient, unsuitable unclean or defective sanitary accommodation . . . . .	4
Inadequate ventilation . . . . .	-
Other offences against the Act . . . . .	2

OUTWORKERS (mainly engaged on work in connexion with wearing apparel) . . . . .	203
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Atmospheric Conditions

	Air temperature (Centigrade)			Rainfall (in mm)	Smoke & sulphur dioxide in micrograms per cubic metre	
	A	B	C		Site: Broadfield	
	Mean Min.	Mean Max.	Mean of A & B		Smoke	SO <sup>2</sup>
January . . . . .	1.2	5.9	3.5	60.7	32	127
February . . . . .	2.4	6.4	4.4	35.7	28	109
March . . . . .	2.1	11.4	6.7	40.2	31	111
April . . . . .	5.0	12.0	8.5	37.2	13	72
May . . . . .	5.7	14.8	10.7	30.5	10	58
June . . . . .	7.8	17.1	12.5	21.1	12	55
July . . . . .	11.4	21.1	16.3	31.8	9	53
August . . . . .	10.6	20.9	15.3	22.6	12	50
September . . . . .	7.8	16.8	12.3	33.1	27	61
October . . . . .	7.0	14.4	10.7	4.1	18	75
November . . . . .	3.1	9.3	6.2	49.4	33	95
December . . . . .	3.1	8.3	5.7	37.7	35	114

The meteorological data were supplied by the Harlow Development Corporation. Observations of smoke and sulphur dioxide were made by the staff of the Public Health Department.



Clean Air Act 1968

Legal Proceedings

Prosecution ordered by Council . . . . .	1
Cases heard in Magistrates' Court . . . . .	1
Cases remaining to be dealt with at 31st December 1972 . . . . .	-

Law contravened	Offence	Fine £	Costs £
Clean Air Act 1968 Section 1	Burning rubber tyres causing black smoke	20	10



FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

TYPE AND NUMBER OF FOOD SHOPS AND OTHER FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS

Grocers . . . . .	38
Butchers . . . . .	22
Fishmongers (including fish fryers) . . . . .	13
Greengrocers . . . . .	18
Sweets and confectionery . . . . .	31
General food stores . . . . .	8
Cafes and restaurants . . . . .	38
Public houses . . . . .	27
Off-licences . . . . .	8
Halls, community centres and clubs . . . . .	74
Factory and other industrial canteens . . . . .	76
School canteens . . . . .	48
Building site canteens . . . . .	14
Food storage depots . . . . .	5
Food factories . . . . .	9
Bakehouses and bakers . . . . .	11
Total . . . . .	440

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES REGULATIONS, 1966

Market stalls . . . . .	13
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N.B. There are no egg pasteurization plants in this district.  
[Liquid Egg (Pasteurization) Regulations, 1963]

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Storage and sale of ice-cream . . . . .	80
Preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food . . . . .	30

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

MILK SUPPLY

Number of milk depots registered	4
Number of inspections carried out	42

Licences issued under Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960 & 1963:

Pasteurized	34
Sterilized	20
Ultra-heat treated	21
Number of premises from which milk was sold	39

Bacteriological Examination of Food

Milk	Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pasteurized	44	44	—
Sterilized	17	17	—
Pasteurized Channel Island	7	6	1*
Ultra-heat treated	3	3	—

\*Failed to pass the methylene blue test

Ice-Cream	Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Ice-Cream	89	Grade I 68 Grade II 11	Grade III 10 Grade IV —

Cooked Meat and Meat Products	Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Brawn	1	1	—
Corned beef	4	4	—
Ham	15	12	3
Luncheon meat	7	6	1
Pork	—	—	—
Other cooked meats and meat products	35	31	4
Total	62	54	8

Miscellaneous	Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Fresh cream	1	1	—
Dairy cream-filled cakes	19	15	4
Shellfish	22	16	6
Pet foods	12	8	4
Other foods	9	6	3
Total	63	46	17

Chemical Analysis of Food and Drugs

Articles submitted for analysis	Number of samples	
	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Meat and meat products . . . . .	36	1
Milk and milk products . . . . .	14	1
Soft drinks . . . . .	11	3
Wines and spirits . . . . .	10	1
Other foods . . . . .	63	8
Medicines and drugs . . . . .	9	2
Total . . . . .	143	16

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Article	Defect
*Orange drink	Contained mould growth in suspension.
*Strawberry fruit pie filling	Greyish colour due to insufficient artificial colouring.
*Natural grapefruit juice	Contained traces of iron.
*Crinkle 7/16” cut chips	Blackened and dessicated potato chips contaminated with iron.
Apple fruit pie filling	Contained traces of iron and tin due to the action of the contents of the can.
*Runner beans	Discoloured and shrivelled in appearance and also affected by yeasts. Beans had been allowed to thaw and refreeze.
Smoked cheese with ham	Should have been described as medium fat hard cheese.
Slim Plan Ambrosium	Phosphorus content was only one third of the amount stated on the label. No statement of the amount of iodine present in the sample was given.
*5 oz packet of chocolates	Contaminated with an unpleasant taint.
*Powder found in coffee	Consisted of detergent.
Assorted nuts	Contained no walnuts as claimed in list of ingredients. The description “assorted nuts” did not indicate that raisins and sultanas were present.
Vodka	Contained 1% added water.

\* subject of complaint by member of the public.



LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

<i>Law contravened</i>	<i>Offence</i>	<i>Fine £</i>	<i>Costs £</i>
Food & Drugs Act 1955 Section 2	Sale of: Jaffa Orange Juice in deteriorated condition	40.00	5.00
	Piece of metal in 14 oz. sliced, wrapped loaf	40.00	5.00
	Fly larvae in 2 one-third pint bottles of milk	15.00	5.00
	3 mouldy steak and kidney pies	Case dismissed	
	Crinkle cut chips containing 2 metal nuts	20.00	5.00
	Foreign object in sliced wrapped loaf	30.00	10.00
	Insect in cooked chipped potato	20.00	10.00
	Plastic material in sausage Fibrous material in sausage	20.00 20.00	) ) 5.00
Food & Drugs Act 1955 Section 8	3 Cornish Pasties intended for sale, unfit for human consumption	60.00	) ) ) 10.00
Food & Drugs Act 1955 Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970	Dirty conditions in a food caterer's (6 counts)	140.00	)
	Dirty conditions in a bakery ( 5 counts proved, 3 counts dismissed)	50.00	10.00



**Rodent Control (Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949)**

Complaints received . . . . .	472
Properties inspected . . . . .	678
Total number of inspections and reinspections . . . . .	4,847
Properties found infested and treated by Public Health Dept. . . . .	674
Properties found infested and treated by occupier . . . . .	-
No evidence of infestation . . . . .	4
Contracts entered into . . . . .	78
Sewer manholes baited . . . . .	163

**Summary of other work carried out by public health inspectors**

Inspections of food premises including food shops, bakehouses, market stalls and itinerants' vans . . . . .	931
Visits for sampling purposes . . . . .	362
Visits in connection with food complaints and unsound food for destruction . . . . .	490
Inspections of premises in connection with duties under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928 . . . . .	416
Inspections of hairdressers' establishments . . . . .	1
Inspection of schools — general . . . . .	78
Inspection of swimming pools . . . . .	62
Inspections in connection with refuse collection . . . . .	477
Inspection of drainage . . . . .	199
Visits in connection with communicable diseases . . . . .	148
Visits in connection with caravans . . . . .	22
Visits in connection with complaints and nuisances (other than housing matters) . . . . .	204
Visits in connection with insect and pest infestations . . . . .	733
Inspections in connection with emission of smoke, fumes and odours . . . . .	133
Visits in connection with duties under the Clean Air Act, 1956 . . . . .	415
Inspections of places of entertainment . . . . .	5
Visits in connection with water supplies . . . . .	18
Inspections under Pet Animals Acts . . . . .	20
Inspections under Animal Boarding Establishments Acts . . . . .	2
Visits in connection with health education . . . . .	30
Visits in connection with noise nuisance . . . . .	54
Sundry other visits . . . . .	1,490
Total complaints investigated . . . . .	1,457
Intimation notices served . . . . .	300
Statutory notices served . . . . .	6

## SERVICES OF THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

The membership of the Harlow Health Area Sub-Committee which controls the decentralized services of the County Health Committee was, on 31 December, 1972, as follows:

### Representing Harlow Urban District Council

Councillor Mrs. E. I. V. Morris (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs. M. Bach  
Councillor J. S. Cave  
Councillor R. P. Chant  
Councillor J. T. Desormeaux  
Councillor M. A. Gerrard  
Councillor W. W. Gibson  
Councillor A. S. Graham  
Councillor A. J. James  
Councillor Mrs. J. A. McAlpine  
Councillor H. W. Morris  
Councillor D. C. Sharp

### Representing Essex County Council

Alderman Mrs. M. R. Davey (Ex-officio)  
Councillor Mrs. I. H. N. Parker (Ex-officio)  
Councillor D. Ll. Jones  
Councillor N. D. Crafford  
Councillor Mrs. E. M. Tuck  
Councillor R. A. Wale

### Representing Harlow Group Hospital Management Committee

Councillor Mrs. S. Anderson

### Representing National Health Service Executive Council for Essex

Mrs. K. A. Wilson

### Representing Local Medical Committee for Essex

Dr. J. Meyrick

### Representing Local Voluntary Organizations

Dr. A. H. Campbell

# STAFF OF THE AREA HEALTH OFFICE ON 31st DECEMBER, 1972

(Some also deal with the School Health Service)

Area Medical Officer	I. Ash, MD, MFCM, DPH (Part-time)
Medical Officers	Celia Palmer, MB, BS, MRCS, LRCP, DA
	Joan Radix, MB, B.Ch, BAO
	Dorothy Donald, MB, BS, MRCS, LRCP (Part-time)
	Joyce M. Medley, MB, ChB (Part-time)
	Elizabeth Robertson, MB, ChB (Part-time)
Area Dental Officer	M. Ashar, LDS, RCS
Dental Officers	R. R. Troup, LDS
	N. R. Samarasekera, LDS
Dental Auxiliary	Mrs. G. A. Thurgood
Area Nursing Officer	Mrs. S. K. Scott, SRN, HV.Cert.
Nursing Officer (Health Visiting)	Miss J. C. McLachlan, SRN, SCM, HV.Cert.
Nursing Officer (Midwifery and Home Nursing)	Miss E. Bergin, SRN, SCM.
Health Visitors	13 Full-time 1 Part-time
Clinic Nurses	5 Full-time 4 Part-time
Midwives	9 Full-time
District Nurses	7 Full-time 8 Part-time
Senior Administrative Officer	H. S. Alleyne, DPA
Administrative and Clerical Officers	14 Full-time 9 Part-time



## 1. PART III OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

### Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes

Sessions held . . . . .	142
Number of women attending . . . . .	252
Number of attendances . . . . .	1,016

### Child Health

Child health sessions (doctor in attendance) . . . . .	677
Health visitors' consultative sessions . . . . .	625
Total number of attendances by health visitors . . . . .	1,474
Total number of child attendances . . . . .	15,662

### Midwifery

#### (a) Clinics, ante – and post natal

Attendances by midwives at GP clinics . . . . .	775
Attendances by midwives at own clinics . . . . .	507
Number of examinations carried out . . . . .	2,539

#### (b) Domiciliary work

Number of confinements attended	
As midwives Home 67, G.P. Unit 309 . . . . .	376
As maternity nurses after early discharge . . . . .	423
Administration of analgesics	
Gas and air or Trilene . . . . .	300
Pethidine or similar compound . . . . .	125

### Health Visiting

#### (a) Clinics and schools

Sessions attended at child health clinics . . . . .	1,474
Sessions attended at ante-natal and mothercraft clinics . . . . .	463
Sessions attended at school clinics . . . . .	267
Sessions attended at schools . . . . .	1,447



(b) *Domiciliary work*

Cases seen during the year	
Children under 5 years . . . . .	6,078
Persons aged 65 and over . . . . .	400
Others . . . . .	1,850
Number of contacts with:	
Children under 5 years . . . . .	14,033
Persons aged 65 years and over . . . . .	1,212
Others . . . . .	2,453
Total effective visits . . . . .	17,698
Total ineffective visits . . . . .	4,133

(c) *Tuberculosis visiting*

Chest clinic sessions attended . . . . .	269
Households visited during the year . . . . .	183
Total number of home visits . . . . .	564

**Home Nursing**

(a) *Clinics*

Number of sessions attended . . . . .	2,111
Number of new patients treated . . . . .	5,078
Total attendances by patients . . . . .	14,230

(b) *Domiciliary work*

Number of patients attended under 65 years of age . . . . .	230
Number of patients attended aged 65 years and over . . . . .	463
Number of visits to patients under 65 years of age . . . . .	5,165
Number of visits to patients aged 65 years and over . . . . .	25,561

**Immunizations (other than BCG)**

Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus . . . . .	1,672
Booster doses . . . . .	205
Diphtheria/Tetanus . . . . .	26
Booster doses . . . . .	1,500
Diphtheria . . . . .	3
Booster doses . . . . .	-
Tetanus . . . . .	275
Booster doses . . . . .	152
Poliomyelitis – Sabin oral vaccine . . . . .	1,692
Booster doses . . . . .	2,378
Measles . . . . .	887
Rubella . . . . .	559

**Chiropody**

Total number of treatments . . . . . 3,208

*At clinics*

To physically handicapped . . . . . 8  
To aged over 65 years . . . . . 1,514

*In old people's homes* . . . . . 110

*Domiciliary*

To physically handicapped . . . . . 4  
To aged over 65 years . . . . . 1,572

*Patients being treated at end of year*

Physically handicapped . . . . . 3  
Aged over 65 years . . . . . 1,045

**Medical Assessment of Staff**

Number of medical questionnaires submitted . . . . . 485  
Number of persons appointed without medical examination . . . . . 185  
Number of persons medically examined . . . . . 50

**Other medical examinations**

Employees of other local authorities . . . . . 7  
For retirement or superannuation . . . . . 2  
Others (including teachers and entrants to training colleges) . . . . . 110  
Number of X-ray examinations . . . . . 212

2. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE – EDUCATION ACT, 1944

School Medical examinations

Routine examinations . . . . .	2,709
Special and re-examinations . . . . .	4,368
Defects requiring observation . . . . .	2,911
Defects requiring treatment . . . . .	612

Audiometry

Tested for first time . . . . .	186
Re-tested . . . . .	41
No defect found . . . . .	159
Some defect found . . . . .	68
Normal hearing after minor treatment . . . . .	-
Referred to ENT Consultant . . . . .	13
Referred to Audiology Clinic . . . . .	26
To be followed up . . . . .	28
Left area before investigation completed . . . . .	1

Speech Therapy

New cases referred . . . . .	79
Cases treated for first time . . . . .	55
Cases under treatment at end of year . . . . .	145
Pupils who completed or discontinued treatment during the year . . . . .	88

Dental Service

Number of children inspected . . . . .	16,457
Number of children for whom consent to treatment at school clinics was given . . . . .	2,044
Number of teeth extracted . . . . .	2,017
Number of teeth filled . . . . .	6,506

Enuresis

Number of cases referred during year . . . . .	58
Number of cases still under treatment at end of the year . . . . .	61

Prevention of tuberculosis BCG Vaccination

Vaccination offered . . . . .	2,118
Number accepted . . . . .	1,743
Number Heaf-tested . . . . .	1,535
Positive reactions . . . . .	37
Negative reactions . . . . .	1,391*
Number vaccinated . . . . .	1,279

\*Includes 62 Grade I positives



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